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TWO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ARE CORNERING THE DOWNTOWN MARKET WITH THEIR POP-UP STAND PAGE 2

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Here comes the sun

Sunfest. Annual bash features four days of culture and fun in Victoria Park

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Cool off

- Worried about the heat? Sunfest has cooling stations equipped with seating, shade and water taps for refilling bottles.

Sunfest has been bringing world culture to London for 18 years and this weekend will be no exception.

"This is the weekend that people can get a taste of the whole world," artistic director Alfredo Caxaj said. "We have more and more people from other cultures coming to London, making London their home. This festival reflects that."

Activities kicked off on Thursday and continue through Sunday in Victoria Park, with more than 275 vendors and 30 musical acts spread across five stages. Sunfest is expected to draw more than 225,000 people.

"It's 500 per cent larger than it was the first summer," Caxaj said. "We wanted to do something culturally diverse, something different. Now, Sunfest is recognized internationally."

This year's highlights include the upbeat electronics of Celtic Bhangra and fusion group Delhi 2 Dublin. Calypso Rose, also known as Trinidad's darling, has chosen Sunfest for her Canadian premiere.

"She's an iconic person in Trinidad," Caxaj said. "At 72 years old, she's called the queen of calypso, and this is her first time in Canada."

Festival vendors are offering up specialties. Florence Kayites, originally from Rwanda and now living in Hamilton, sells baskets and jewelry made by survivors of the Rwandan genocide. This is her second year at Sunfest.

"I like London. Everyone is so friendly," she said. "I always try to enjoy the music while I work. The Caribbean bands are my favourite."

For a full schedule, go to sunfest.on.ca.



Rwanda native Florence Kayites, 30, of Hamilton, will be selling baskets and jewelry made by Rwandan genocide survivors at this weekend's Sunfest.

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Strike up the brand

Which comes first:
A "destination city"
or a brand?

There have been several attempts in recent months to establish London's brand as leaders try to attract talent and boost growth. But, are they working? Londoner Chris Moss asks that question and gives her take at metronews.ca.

Biting off more than you can chew

On Wednesday, Sonya Thomas, 45, downed 45 hotdogs at the Fourth of July hotdog-eating contest at Coney Island. In honour of her achievement we've compiled a slideshow of the world's greatest competitive eaters. Go to metronews.ca to see more.

Mobile news



French runner Mahiedine Mekhissi-Benabbad has been labelled a world-class bully by the public and press after he was caught celebrating his 300-metre run by shoving and pushing a 14-year-old girl dressed as a mascot at the European Championships. Scan the code to read the full story and watch the video that prompted the uproar.



Londoners Nico Moretti, left, and Johnny Bryson, both 22, pose for a photo Thursday afternoon at their grilled-cheese stand at Dundas and Talbot streets. Moretti is the stand's chef while Bryson cooks up magic tricks to keep people entertained as they wait for orders. AMANDA GRANT/FOR METRO

A cheesy summer for London entrepreneurs

Awesome pop-up.
Duo cooking up grilled cheese, magic tricks in downtown core

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It's a dream gig for most students in search of a summer job.

Forget working weekends and slogging it in retail for an overbearing boss

— the guys behind OSMAP's Grilled Cheeserie are calling their own shots.

"It beats working in an office," said Nico Moretti, 22, of London. "I spend the day sitting outside and grilling with my buddy."

Moretti and Johnny Bryson, 22, also from London, opened their pop-up grilled cheese stand at Dundas and Talbot streets in June.

With Moretti's background in business and Bryson's in hospitality, the business team is a match

made in heaven. One cooks while the other keeps customers busy, doing magic tricks and telling jokes while they wait.

Lincoln McCardle of London has become a regular at the Grilled Cheeserie. He led an effort to drum up some businesses for the stand Thursday — declaring a "grilled cheese day" on social media outlets.

"We really need to encourage this kind of business," he said. "(It's) young entrepreneurs doing something unique."

OSMAP

What's it mean?

- OSMAP stands for "Operation Super Mega Awesome Project"

The stand is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. downtown during the work week. On Friday and Saturday nights, it opens at Richmond Street and Central Avenue.

Women's outreach centre. Renovation launched



Therese Griffin, 56, left, and Jo-Anne Porteous, 57, make jewelry Thursday at My Sister's Place. The jewelry will be sold as part of the agency's micro-enterprise program, which is expanding into a new space. AMANDA GRANT/FOR METRO

My Sister's Place is expanding.

The agency is taking on a \$240,000 project that will turn a former Victorian coach house on its Dundas Street property into a studio and retail space.

The renovation — expected to start Sept. 1 — will allow for an expansion of the micro-enterprise program, which teaches women to create jewelry, which they sell.

"Programs like micro-enterprise really help these women stay engaged in the community," said Kristy

Not for profit

80%

The amount of the proceeds of jewelry sales that goes to the women who make the pieces. The rest of the money goes toward services offered by the not-for-profit.

Cairns, capital campaign co-ordinator for My Sister's Place. "It gives them something to do and they learn a skill."

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Weather

Yup, heat's still on

Environment Canada isn't calling for weekend relief from blistering heat.

Highs between 30 C and 35 C are in the forecast through Sunday. The high is expected to be closer to normal on Monday, coming in at 25 C. **METRO**

Lost and found

Police call off search for missing teen, baby

A teen and four-month-old baby considered missing have been found "safe and sound," police said Thursday.

Amber Nicholson (Bourne), 17, and Ciarragh O'Shea were found about 7 p.m. Wednesday, several hours after police asked for tips on their whereabouts.

Relatives reported the pair missing after they hadn't been seen since Sunday evening. **METRO**

Fundraising failure

Sally Ann gives Bethesda refunds

The Salvation Army has refunded \$245,622 of the money donors funnelled into a campaign aimed at keeping the Bethesda Centre's doors open.

Per donors' requests, the remaining \$148,702 has been directed to other Salvation Army programs. That includes a \$100,000 gift to be invested in social-service programs the non-profit runs in London.

The Salvation Army told people they could ask for their money back if the \$1.5-million fundraising effort failed. The agency announced at the end of May that Bethesda — a residential facility for teen moms — would close because the campaign came up short. **METRO**

Chatham

Child airlifted after crash

A four-year-old girl was airlifted to a London hospital Thursday after a crash in Chatham.

Chatham-Kent Police said a red minivan ran a stop sign on Bloomfield Road just before 9 a.m. A woman and her two daughters, an eight-year-old and the four-year-old, were taken to hospital in Chatham-Kent.

The youngest girl was later airlifted with life-threatening injuries.

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Public safety

Keep 'em closed, police say

Given the hot weather, police are urging people to shut windows and lock patio doors overnight.

Leaving screens exposed can create a target for break-ins and similar offences, police say.

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Charity

NHLer to host golfing event

London native and Montreal Canadiens forward Brandon Prust will host the ATN Access Inc. charity golf tournament Monday at the Forest City National Golf Club.

He'll be joined by former London Knights Rob

Schremp, Danny Syvret and Kelly Thomson.

Prust has played host at the event for seven years.

Check atn.on.ca/GetInvolved for details. **METRO**



Brandon Prust
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Ronald McDonald House

Shredding some paper for charity

People can have up to five boxes of paper shredded for free during Shred-it For a Cause, July 14, from 9 to 1 p.m., at 546 Admiral Dr.

Monetary donations will be accepted for the Ronald McDonald House of Southwestern Ontario. **METRO**

Trees Canada

Details for tree event sprouting

The lineup has been announced for October's Canadian Urban Forest Conference in London. Tours will showcase urban forest issues and successes in the London region.

Check the schedule at cufc10.ca. **METRO**

Loans for women

United Way ups fundraising ante

The local United Way wants to raise more to help women get on their feet after leaving abusive relationships. Last year, they raised \$25,000 for the New Beginnings Fund. This year's goal is \$50,000.

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Upset doctor steals spotlight

Minister upstaged.

Press conference to announce government funding turned into a tension-filled affair



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A London Health Sciences Centre physician ambushed a press conference Thursday, disrupting a speech by Diane Finley, minister of human resources and skills development.

"I am here to oppose your government's policy in regards to the refugee health tax," Dr. Tarek Loubani, 31, said as the minister of human resources and skill development took the podium.

"I support my government's position," Finley, a Conservative, responded, adding the outburst was inappropriate.

Loubani, who said federal law prohibits him from performing medical procedures on some refugees, should "get his facts

Money handed out

\$90M

Money allocated to the Enabling Accessibility Fund since 2007.

straight," Finley said.

The minister was in London to announce an \$18,000 government contribution to London Employment Help Centre branches. The money, which comes through the Enabling Accessibility Fund, will pay for two computers designed help people with audio and visual impairments.

Money will also be used for making washrooms wheelchair-accessible.

Loubani, who arrived in Canada from Palestine 10 years ago as a refugee, refused to stop talking and police were called. He was escorted out of the building when officers arrived.

Finley left without taking questions. Nancy McQuillan, CEO of the help centre, said the minister was running late for another appointment.



Stan Stanek, right, a London Employment Help Centre board director, confronts protester Dr. Tarek Loubani during a Thursday event at the centre's Highbury Avenue branch. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

More meetings scheduled to hear 'prosperity' pitches

City councillors are on a meeting hiatus until the week of July 16.

When they get back to business, one of the first things they'll tackle is another round of suggestions for how to make London prosperous.

The investment and economic prosperity committee will meet July 18-19 to field project proposals aimed at creating jobs and growing the economy.

The meetings come on the heels of a June 9 session that saw 13 presentations pitched, including an expensive plan that would see Western University take over city hall for a down-



Coun. Matt Brown CITY OF LONDON

town campus.

Other proposals would see The Grand Theatre and Museum London expanded.

Groups expected to make presentations later this month include Tourism London, the London and

If you go

The investment and economic prosperity committee meetings will be at city hall. They're scheduled for:

- July 18, 9 a.m. to noon
- July 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

District Labour Council, the London Convention Centre, the Old East Village Business Improvement Area, Orchestra London and London Health Sciences Centre.

The agenda is still being finalized, said Coun. Matt

Brown, the committee's vice-chair.

Once all presentations are made, city staff will evaluate each proposal using criteria that's been approved by council.

Administrators are expected to report back to the economic prosperity committee this fall, making specific recommendations on how the ideas fit into a 10-year prosperity plan for the city, Brown said.

In May, councillors asked residents, organizations and business for proposals to be included in the plan. They received 50 submissions.

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Long wait is over as giant panda is born at Tokyo zoo

Panda-monium. Baby panda becomes an instant star as major TV networks in Japan flash news of birth

A panda has been born at a Tokyo zoo for the first time in 24 years.

Tokyo's popular Ueno Zoo says the panda was born Thursday to Shin Shin. The seven-year-old mother was brought to Japan from China just before Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami last year.

The baby's gender was not immediately known. Zoo officials say the pair appear to be in good health but will be monitored around the clock.

It was the first panda born at the zoo since 1988 and was conceived naturally.

Giant pandas have a low birth rate and artificial insemination has been com-



Shin Shin, a female panda, eats lunch at Ueno Zoo in Tokyo in this June 27 photo. The zoo said a panda was born Thursday to Shin Shin, brought to Japan from China just before the March 11, 2011 devastating earthquake and tsunami. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

mon in captive breeding programs.

The birth of Shin Shin's baby was much anticipated

in Japan, and the news was announced on major television networks Thursday.

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Big Bay blast: Fireworks show goes off all at once

Yachts are illuminated in the foreground as a malfunction causes an entire Fourth of July fireworks show to go off all at once over San Diego Bay near Coronado Island in San Diego, late Wednesday. The Coast Guard says the mishap occurred minutes before the scheduled opening of the Big Bay Boom show. More than 500,000 people witnessed the short-lived spectacle. No injuries were reported. Watch the video at metronews.ca. BEN BALLER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taiwan

Dog owner busted by Google map

A Taiwanese judge used a Google map showing an unleashed dog to hold a man responsible for his neighbour's bicycle accident.

A defendant surmamed Lee denied being the dog's owner and causing injury through negligence. But a judge said Thursday that a two-year-old Google Street View picture showed the dog standing in Lee's yard, which meant he was its owner. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sticky fingers

Bee thief robbing hives in Alberta

A honey producer is warning beekeepers in northwestern Alberta to be on the lookout for robbers with sticky fingers.

Bill Termeer of Sexsmith says he's out \$60,000 after someone stole bees and equipment from his operation. Termeer says he has been noticing irregularities in his hives since the middle of May. He says his hives are missing queens, worker bees, eggs and larvae. Some of his honeycombs have also been switched out.

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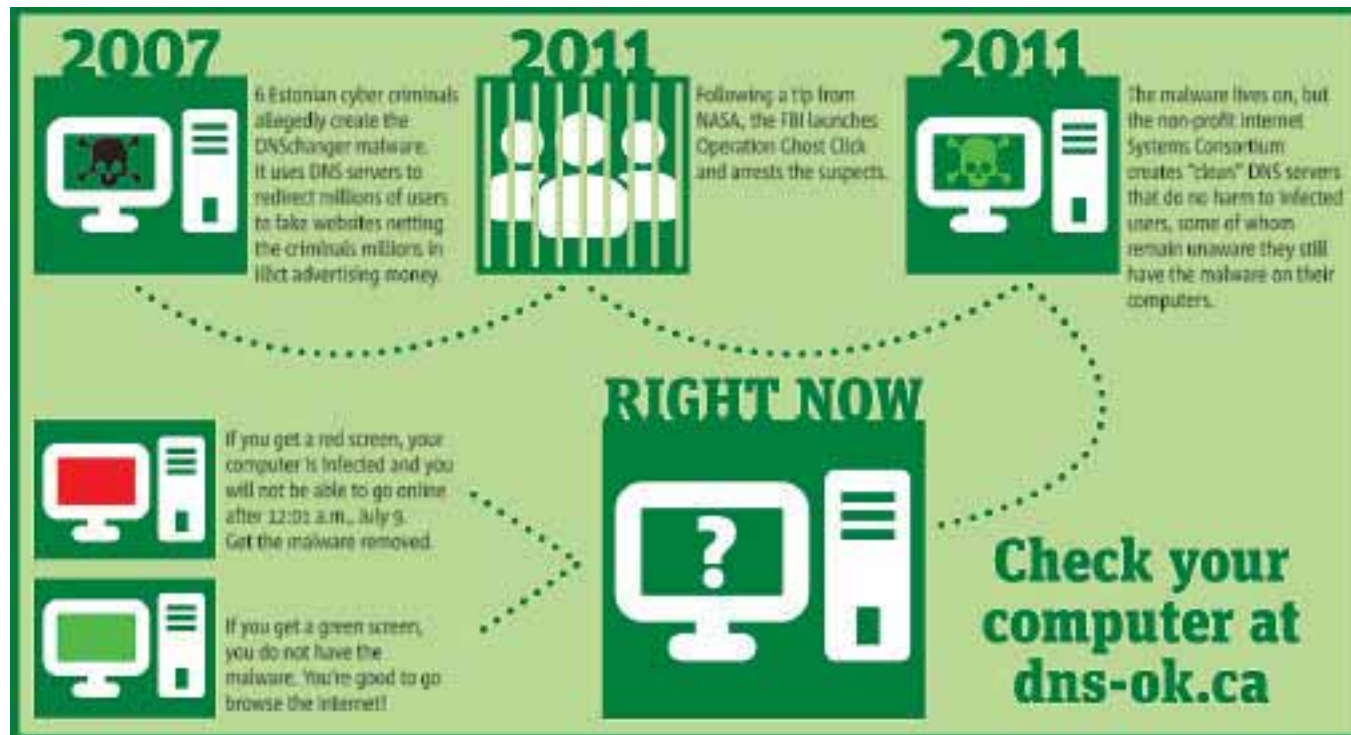
The warnings about the Internet problem have been splashed across Facebook and Google.

Internet service providers have sent notices, and the FBI set up a special website. But hundreds of thousands of people around the world may still lose their Internet service Monday unless they do a quick check of their computers for malware that could have taken over their machines more than a year ago.

Despite repeated alerts, the number of computers that probably are infected is more than 277,000 worldwide, down from about 360,000 in April.

Users whose computers are still infected Monday will lose their ability to go online, and they will have to call their service providers for help deleting malware and reconnecting.

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Syrian emails will embarrass

The first batch of 2.4 million emails from Syria being released by the whistle-blowing WikiLeaks reveals alleged high-level deals by an international arms and telecom supplier to equip the regime.

"The material is embarrassing to Syria, but it is also embarrassing to Syria's opponents," WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said in a state-

ment on the group's website.

Assange is currently seeking asylum at the Ecuadorean Embassy in London. He is wanted by British police.

Finnmeccanica "sold to Syria one of its leading products: the Tetra system, a communications network that allows conversations and transmission of data and has been a commercial success world-

wide," L'Espresso newspaper reported Thursday.

Seven news organizations that partnered with WikiLeaks began publishing stories based on the data. "One thing is obvious ... the hypocrisy of global politics has reached a new high when dealing with Syria," said Ibrahim al-Amin, editor of Al-Akhbar. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World's newest panda

Baby panda born in Tokyo

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The panda was born Thursday to Shin Shin, age seven. The gender is yet to be known.

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Beekeeper robbed

Missing queens, workers, eggs and larvae

A honey producer is warning beekeepers in NW Alberta to be on the lookout for robbers.

Bill Termeer of Sexsmith says he's out \$60,000 after someone stole from his operation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Google map in court

Man on bike falls, chased by unleashed dog

A Taiwan judge used a Google map showing an unleashed dog to hold a man responsible for a neighbour's injury. The defendant denied responsibility.

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Air France. Pilot error and faulty equipment cause deadly 2009 crash

A combination of faulty sensors and mistakes by inadequately trained pilots caused an Air France jet to plunge into the Atlantic Ocean in 2009, killing all 228 people aboard in the airline's deadliest ever crash, French investigators said Thursday.

Investigators are urging better instruction for pilots on flying manually at high altitudes and stricter plane certification rules as a result of a three-year investigation into what happened to Flight 447.

Airbus, manufacturer of the A330 plane, said in a

statement that it is working to improve speed sensors known as pitot tubes and making other efforts.

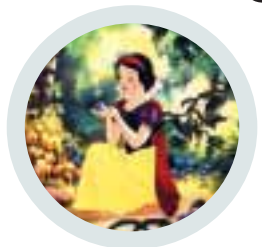
Air France stressed the equipment troubles and insisted the pilots "acted in line with the information provided by the cockpit instruments and systems.... The reading of the various data did not enable them to apply the appropriate action."

Flying from Rio to Paris the jet slammed into the sea during a nighttime thunderstorm.

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Pecking order



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937): You really can't get more romantic than the spell-breaking power of love's first kiss. Throw in Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Sneezy, and Dopey, plus a Noah's Ark worth of cuddly woodland creatures looking all weepy eyed before the prince's peck, and the anticipation is bases-loaded heart-thumping. Then Snow White awakens from her poisoned-apple coma and the crowd goes crazy as the heroine and her hero ride off into the sunset.



Lady and the Tramp (1955): After they each slurp down a strand from a shared plate of spaghetti, the restaurateur enhances the mood by serenading the star-crossed pooches with Bella Notte on his accordion. While lost in the melody, they find themselves munching on opposite ends of a long noodle. The brief snout-on-snout action is cut short by Lady's shyness, but then Tramp nuzzles a meatball toward her and puppy love twinkles in both their eyes.



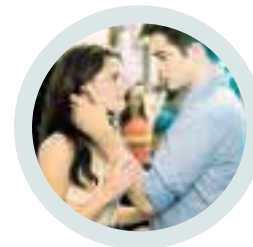
Planet of the Apes (1968): "Doctor, I'd like to kiss you goodbye," Taylor says. "All right ... but you're so damned ugly," replies Zira before allowing Charlton Heston to peck her on the lips. It's the last sweet interspecies moment in the sci-fi classic before the famous "damn you all to hell" denouement, when the astronaut sees the remnants of the Statue of Liberty while riding along the shoreline and comes to the stunning realization that he's not on an alien planet after all, but on a post-apocalyptic Earth.



Ghost (1990): The steamy potter's wheel scene with Patrick Swayze placing his hands over Demi Moore's clay-covered fingers and nibbling on her neck, while the Righteous Brothers' saccharine Unchained Melody played in the background, jump-started a glaze craze that is still with us over 20 years later. The scene has been paid homage to and parodied ad nauseum, most recently in an episode of NBC's Community, where a pottery teacher adopts a zero-Ghost-tolerance policy of both "ironic" and "sincere" re-enactments.



Spider-Man (2002): "You have a knack for saving my life. I think I have a superhero stalker," a rain-soaked Mary-Jane (Kirsten Dunst) teases before pulling away half of Spider-Man's (Tobey Maguire) mask to access his lips. The ensuing dangling, upside-down smooch inspired thousands of couples to try the move out on jungle gyms and other inversion apparatuses. Home-gamers recreating the tender Spidey moment, here's a tip: The horizontal version is a lot safer.



Twilight (2008): "Just stay very still ... don't move," Edward warns while leaning in. A breathy make-out session is always more exciting when there's a chance a vampire's hormones will go out of control and the affair will turn into a bloodletting. The chaste passion between Bella and her sensitive bloodsucker boyfriend (they wait four movies and until marriage before going all the way) stirred up an uproar in some circles with debates raging about whether they should condone or condemn the fictional relationship.

Nothing wrong with a little affection

Survey. Most Canadians say they're unfazed by a little PDA

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Are you a fan of the PDA? Friday is International Kissing Day, and a new survey from the matchmaking website Zoosk.com has found the vast majority of Canadians have no problems puckering up in public.

The history of the kiss

- **Prehistoric times.** Couples kiss to taste saliva and find a suitable mate.
- **1500 BC.** Vedic Sanskrit texts from India reference "drinking moisture of the lips."
- **300 AD.** The Kama Sutra contains an entire chapter on kissing.
- **0-500 AD.** The Romans, a kiss-crazy people, spread the practice across their empire.
- **1800s.** The hand kiss becomes popularized in England.
- **1872.** Charles Darwin hypothesizes kissing is an innate urge all humans share.

Of the more than 1,163 Canadians surveyed, a whopping 93 per cent confessed they were fine with

public displays of affection. Women are ever-so-slightly more modest than their male counterparts: 51 per cent of the ladies who responded said that public kissing in moderation is fine, while 61 per cent of the fellas said anything goes.

"The high numbers of people that are OK with PDA is indicative of our easy-going tolerance and acceptance — qualities that are consummately Canadian," says Toronto etiquette expert Karen Cleveland. She says that attitudes towards kissing in public have soft-

ened over the years, but is quick to warn there is still such a thing as going too far.

"A good rule of thumb is to avoid doing anything you'd be embarrassed to do in front of your grandparents," says Cleveland. "That means no groping and no tongue."

Dating consultant Shannon Tebb says location matters. "If you're on a subway car or in a doctor's office — anywhere confined with other people — it's probably best to avoid big displays," says Tebb. "If you're on the street, it's more ac-

ceptable."

If you've decided to go for the public smooch, why not make your partner happy? According to Zoosk.com, most Canadian men prefer sensual kisses on the lips, while the majority of women like the so-called French kiss.

Those with female partners should be extra observant, as most women said being with a good kisser is important. But men were less concerned because their partners "may be better at other things." We'll let you ponder that one for yourselves.

We asked: What was your worst kiss?



"After a bag of nacho-cheese Doritos."

Full-on tongue. That was terrible."

Rachel Fine, 27, master's student/bartender



"My first spin the bottle in Grade 7. I

had never French kissed. He came at me tongue out."

Melanie Spence, 28, unemployed



"Truth or dare in high school. It was one

of those friends you just don't want to kiss."

Natisha Cohen, 27, instructor



"It involved a lot of teeth, which is never

good."

Shane Adamczak, 29, performer



"In high school with this really dumb guy."

I don't know why I was with him."

Natalie Bartlett, 27, registered nurse



"I've never had one. Kisses are great."

Evan Thompson, 49, philosophy teacher

Boy who grew hair for good cause endured months of bullying

Snip, snip and it's gone.

"Now that I got rid of my hair, there's no way they can make fun of me," said 10-year-old William Panter while getting about eight inches of hair cut off on Thursday.

He grew his hair for about 18 months, putting up with teasing and name-calling, until it was long enough to make a wig for someone with cancer.

His grandmother died from the disease in March

2011. Her death was very hard on him, but he realized what he could do to help someone. The hair, cut at Diann's Hair Salon in Orleans, Ont., which often does Cuts For Cancer fundraisers, will go to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation.

His dad, Nik Panter, said the past year-and-a-half of hair-growing hasn't been easy on his son.

"I've got a 10-year-old who's been openly called a

f-- and gay," he said.

Kids of all ages called William those names because his hair was different, said Nik. William, an intelligent kid who grew up in a tolerant household, knows what those words mean but struggled to understand why they were supposed to hurt him.

An adult soccer coach, old enough to know better, would repeatedly refer to William as girl, despite being fully aware he isn't one, said Nik.

"It's not too hard to figure out how a lot of these kids know how to call other people names," said Nik.

One of the names he got at school was "brown-ielocks," William said.

"I was at a new school and the main bully kept making fun of me," he said. That bully and some of the other students didn't know why he was growing out his hair, but he hopes they'll now regret what they said.

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While Diann Laland cuts his hair, William Panter, 10, looks at one of the braids of hair he's donating to be made into a wig for a cancer patient.

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Airlines

WestJet reports growth in June

WestJet Airlines said its flights had fewer empty seats in June compared with a year ago as the airline also increased capacity.

Calgary-based WestJet reported Thursday a load factor — the proportion of seats filled on its flights — of 79 per cent for June, up from 75.7 per cent in June 2011 when Air Canada suffered a

brief strike by its customer service agents. The increase came as passenger traffic climbed 6.7 per cent from the same time last year, while capacity increased 2.3 per cent.

"Advanced bookings for July and August remain strong," WestJet CEO Gregg Saretsky said in a statement.

Meanwhile, regional carrier Porter Airlines reported a load factor of 62 per cent for June, down from 64.6 per cent a year ago.

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Telecom

Cabinet upholds competition between phone companies

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet has upheld a CRTC ruling that allows big telephone companies to compete against smaller ones in rural areas.

Smaller phone companies from Ontario, Quebec and B.C. petitioned cabinet to overturn a May 2011 decision

by Canada's telecom regulator to allow competition in some rural and remote parts of the country. Those areas had been protected from competition by regulations that allowed for only one service provider.

Those representing small independent telephone companies had argued the CRTC ruling meant the big companies would be free to offer telephone services to homes passed by their cable networks, while ignoring potential customers in remote areas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian employers to add more jobs

Survey. 40 per cent of hiring managers are planning to hire new full-time employees in second half of 2012

A new survey suggests fewer Canadian employers expect to add more permanent full-time jobs in the second half of 2012 than they did in last year's poll.

The Harris Interactive survey found that 40 per cent of hiring managers said they were planning to hire new permanent, full-time employees by

the end of the year compared with 43 per cent in the second half of 2011.

The countrywide survey was conducted between May 14 and June 4 on behalf of website CareerBuilder Canada.

Results from among 292 hiring managers and human resource professional contacted found that in addition to the 40 per cent who expected to add high full-time employees, 22 per cent planned to add part-time workers and 26 per cent contract or temporary employees. Some 17 per cent said they would take on interns.

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Economy slowing sales

A shopper fills her cart at a Target store in Chicago on Thursday. Shoppers, worried about jobs and the overall economy, pulled back on spending in June, resulting in tepid sales for many retailers. Many merchants reported disappointing sales for last month.

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Tim Hortons. Coffee chain to introduce free Wi-Fi

Double-double addicts will soon have another reason to stop into one of the thousands of Tim Hortons outlets across the country.

The coffee-and-doughnut chain announced Thursday that it is working to roll out free wireless Internet to more than 2,000 locations. It expects 90 per cent of its so-called "traditional" outlets across Canada will offer free Wi-Fi by September.

The plan does not include its non-traditional outlets, including kiosks, gas stations and hospital locations.

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1 Tom Cruise at 50. It's been only seven years since the Scientologist jumped on Oprah's couch to profess his love for Katie Holmes. Now, with a pending divorce

(Katie apparently wants to protect her daughter Suri from being indoctrinated into Scientology), things are not looking up for Cruise, who turned 50 this week. Eyes Wide Shut.

2 Anderson Cooper. The CNN anchor came out of the closet this week. "The fact is, I'm gay, always have been, always will be, and I couldn't be any more happy, comfortable with myself, and proud," he wrote in an email published on his friend Andrew Sullivan's blog. Cooper decided he was doing more harm than good by not coming out. Kudos.

3 Spain. The football juggernaut staked its claim to being one of the best national sides in history by winning a record third straight major title, routing Italy 4-0 in the Euro 2012 final. What Italy did show is they have one of the more dynamic and stylin' young strikers in football — Mario (Super Mario) Balotelli.

4 Good Afternoon America. Good Morning America is spinning off into a nine-week summer-afternoon series called Good Afternoon America. It launches on Monday, and, if ratings go well and the show continues in the fall, could we see a Good Night America spinoff? Nah, that name is too ominous.

5 Steve Nash. Canada was having Steve Nash fever, with basketball fans across the country salivating at the prospect of the star signing with the Toronto Raptors. But it was all just a Hollywood dream with no happy ending, as Nash instead went to the L.A. Lakers, where he will play with Kobe. And win a title.

6 Carly Rae Jepsen. The pop sensation came to Peterborough, Ont., Wednesday, performing to one of the largest crowds in the history of the city's Little Lake Musicfest. She had the fans in the palms of her hands, finishing the night with them singing along to her summer hit Call Me Maybe. I was there with my daughters, and, shh, was singing right along.

7 London calling. Jessica Zelinka announced herself as possibly being Canada's best female athlete by winning the 100-metre hurdles shortly after breaking her own Canadian record in the heptathlon. She tweeted about her next step: a berth in the Summer Olympics. "@JessicaZelinka: Crashing after riding the high all week. Thanks for sharing this crazy journey with me. London here we come!"

8 Chris Brown. The bad rapper wannabe released a new verse on a remixed track, I Don't Like, ripping his adversary Drake for their nightclub brawl in June. Brown slams Drake for "throwin' bottles" while he himself is "throwin' models." This stupid boy fight over Rihanna has evolved into the dumbest hip-hop beef in music history.

9 Jose Bautista. The slugger earned his third straight all-star berth when Major League Baseball announced its starting lineups for next week's game in Kansas City. Bautista, who set a Blue Jays record with 15 homers in the month of June, is the silver lining on a Jays team that is going downhill fast with all their injured starting pitchers.

10 Doug Pitt. Brad Pitt's little brother Doug stars in a rather quirky commercial that went viral for Virgin Mobile Australia. In the ad, titled, "Meet Doug Pitt, the second most famous Pitt in his family," we're given a tour by Doug inside his middle-class home and lifestyle. No, Angelina Jolie's brother James Haven does not make a cameo.

11 Train. The band is on a big U.S. tour but is making two Canadian stops next week, one in Montreal (July 10) and the next night in Toronto. So if you're proposing to your girlfriend this summer, the perfect time to do it is with a flash mob at their concert when they're singing Marry Me.

12 Detroit zombie theme park. A Detroit company, Z World Detroit LLC., wants to turn one of the city's abandoned neighbourhoods into a massive zombie theme park. Now there's sure to be a lot of political red tape, but it's definitely one of the more creative solutions proposed to helping turn Detroit's economy around — and a radical rethinking of urban redevelopment.



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'Cheese' is this puppy's last word



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Canine portraits

Raising awareness of euthanized dogs

In this April photo, Taiwanese photographer Tou Chih-kang tries to make a portrait of a puppy in the final moments of its life before the animal was put down by lethal injection at a shelter in Taoyuan, northern Taiwan.

Chih-kang has been visiting dog shelters for two years now, making human-like portraits that

give a sense of dignity and esteem to some 400 canines, in hopes of educating the public on the proper care of pets.

Activists say that some 70 per cent of dogs in Taiwanese shelters are killed after a 12-day waiting period.

The pictures are Tou Chih-kang's way of trying to encourage responsibility among Taiwanese dog owners, who abandon their pets when they tire of them.

His photos will be exhibited in a full-scale show in southern Taiwan next month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A puppy is pictured at a government-run shelter in Taoyuan, northern Taiwan.

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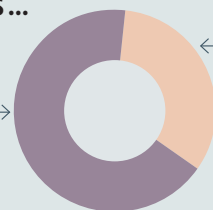
This year Taiwanese authorities will kill an estimated 80,000 stray dogs at 38 pounds scattered throughout the island.



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Scene in brief

Spy style

If there's one thing James Bond has taught us, it's that behind every great spy is a great tailor. A new exhibition at London's Barbican Centre explores the style of the suave secret agent, displaying costumes, props, set pieces and design drawings from half a century of 007 films. Assembled with help from the films' producers, the exhibition includes the spy's tuxedos, Bond girl ballgowns and villains' vestments, as well as a selection of props, gadgets and sketches of the films' exotic sets. It pays tribute to the British, European and American craftspeople and designers who have created the look of the quintessentially British icon. "Designing 007" opens Friday and runs to Sept. 5. It will then tour internationally, opening at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto in October.

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On the web



Amazing Spider-Man game stumbles, while Lego Batman delights

Can the leads of *Savages* hold their own with the scenery? HANDOUT

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Stone's Savages — flamboyant and fun

Standard drug flick. *Savages* ticks each requisite off the list — a California cutie, a threesome and Benicio Del Toro as a Mexican bad guy

Richard: Mark, I knew I was in for an over-the-top Oliver Stone movie from *Savages*' opening minutes. The "wargasm" reference was my first clue and by the time Benicio Del Toro literally twirled his moustache like a pantomime baddie, I knew this wasn't the same director who gave us *W* and *World Trade Center*, this is Stone in *Natural Born Killers* mode. It's wild, but I found it more flamboyant than fun. You?

Mark: Well, Richard, let's see

... guns, drugs, threesomes; sounds like hanging out with Sam Kinison in the '80s. Actually, I think this is Stone's best picture since Reagan was President. He's working viscerally here and you can feel everything: the coastal languors of Laguna Beach, the scuzziness of Mexican border towns, Blake Lively's silken suntan. For a violent popcorn movie, I found it pretty sensual. Did you think the leads held their own with the scenery?

RC: It's definitely a good-looking movie from the stars to the scenery, but I thought the cast was really interesting as well as pretty. Johnson and Kitsch are good and evil, flip sides of the same coin. Lively isn't as sprightly as her name might suggest, but she does do damaged quite well. I also enjoyed Travolta, Hayek and Del Toro chewing the scen-

Synopsis

Aaron Johnson and Taylor Kitsch are Ben and Chon, entrepreneurs, drug dealers and two thirds of a love triangle with California cutie Ophelia (Blake Lively). They sell a potent strain of legal medical grade marijuana but also siphon off some for illicit practice and profit, which earns the attention of a Mexican Baja drug Cartel run by Elena (Salma Hayek). She'll do anything to create a "joint" venture, including kidnapping their shared paramour.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

ery but I felt it hard to care about any of them. They're all rather despicable, and I found

myself hoping they'd all end up in a Mexican standoff.

MB: Well, it is a drug movie after all, so you know there will be double-crosses galore. I think you're supposed to care about the Blake Lively character, as the innocent of the bunch, but she's a bit vapid to really identify with. Del Toro makes, as usual, a great bad-die, although Travolta stole the show for me with his corrupt DEA agent. But you'd think for a guy on the take, he'd have a much better haircut.

RC: Ha! It's a haircut almost as bad as the ending. No spoilers ... but it felt like a cheat.

MB: The ending wants to have its pot brownie and eat it too, but I appreciated the attempt to play with the narrative and our expectations. For me, it was flamboyant and fun.

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Summer summed up in two words: The Avengers

Box office. Fickle fair-weather audiences agree on the Marvel Comics mashup, which accounts for one-third of summer revenues

The audiences are proving far more unpredictable than the movies Hollywood has created to pack them into theatres this summer.

Studios have released a familiar assortment of action tales, family flicks and star-driven comedies since the summer-blockbuster season began in early May. Yet while overall business has been solid, fans have been choosier than usual, spending a fortune on one superhero sensation, kicking in for a handful of midline hits and generally bypassing everything else.

Movies featuring box-office heavyweights Johnny Depp (Dark Shadows), Tom Cruise (Rock of Ages) and Adam Sandler (That's My Boy) fell flat, as did the action spectacle Battleship.

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones pulled in fair crowds for Men in Black 3, though the action comedy played to a smaller audience than its predecessors. The animated tales Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted and Brave joined the action adventures Snow White & the Huntsman and Prometheus as \$100 million hits.

But nearing its midpoint, a summer that looked like an easy record-breaker at the start really can be summed up in two words: The Avengers. With \$600 million domestically, the Marvel Comics superhero mashup accounts for a third of Hollywood's summer revenues, taking in more than the rest of the season's top-five movies combined.

The Avengers continues a trend in which a few big movies suck up a greater portion of moviegoers' money as studios focus on their so-called tent-pole releases, franchise films that cost a fortune to make but pay off like billion-dollar jackpots when they work. But The Avengers has made this summer more lopsided than ever, and with two more colossal superhero films coming in July — The Amazing Spider-Man and The Dark Knight Rises — the season could end up with three towering tent-poles and a whole

lot of tadpoles down below.

"I don't know that I've ever seen a summer so top-heavy," said Paul Dergarabedian, analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "I think we're going to have Avengers, Dark Knight and Spider-Man being the big, big movies of summer with a lot of other movies really bringing up the rear, like way behind. They can't all be home runs, but you need solid doubles and triples, and we haven't seen that many of those so far."

Hollywood went on a box-office tear the first four months of this year, with revenues running as much as 20 per cent ahead of 2011's on the strength of such pre-summer hits as The Hunger Games, Dr. Seuss' the Lorax, 21 Jump Street, Safe House and The Vow.

After The Avengers opened with a record-breaking \$207 million weekend domestically, the ensemble film featuring Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson and Samuel L. Jackson kept on filling theatre seats while other big releases came and went with barely a ripple. Hits usually come every Friday in summer, with the schedule so crowded and the fans so stoked that new movies generally bump the previous weekend's winner out of the top spot at the box office.

The film continues to do solid business nearly two months after its release, while some movies that came later have long since vanished from most theatres.

By this point in summer, Hollywood typically has two or three \$200 million and \$300 million hits to brag about. So far this season, The Avengers is the only one — doing enough business on its own to amount to several blockbusters and highlighting the fact that studios haven't had great luck interesting viewers in much else.

"I'm never one to solely rely on the thought that it's the movies, stupid," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox, which released Prometheus. "But in this case, I do think it's true. The movies that have come after The Avengers

just haven't been compelling enough." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:40-7:05-9:15
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Magic Mike (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-3:30-7-9:30
Savages (18A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:45-6:55-9:40

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The Dictator (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
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Instructions from the Grammy-winning guru

Music. Want to write a chart-topping country tune? Acclaimed Canadian songwriter tells how

If songs are like children to professional hit-makers, Canadian Gordie Sampson is one watchful dad.

The 40-year-old from Big Pond, N.S., has penned two chart-topping smash singles for Carrie Underwood while also dashing off songs for the likes of Keith Urban, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton, Martina McBride and LeAnn Rimes.

The Grammy winner estimates that he demos about 75 songs a year, so surely it's difficult to keep tabs on all his musical offspring?

"God no, you're glued to the (chart)," the personable Sampson said down the line from the East Coast this week. "First thing you do in the morning before you have your coffee is check the chart and see if it went up a point overnight."

"Not that I'd know, but I guess it's a bit like watching your stocks. You've got an investment and one starts to take off, and it goes up a point one day, and down a point the next, and you're like: 'Oh shoot, is it done? Is it going to fall off the chart?' And the next day it jumps up five places."

"So it's just this manic depression that lasts 40 weeks or so."

Of course, Sampson points out that for a professional songwriter, it's more lucrative for a song to take its time gradually climbing the chart to No. 1 — "That's the dream," he says.

If that logic surprises you, welcome to the world of behind-the-scenes hit crafting. This month, Sampson is sharing his insights with hopeful



Gordie Sampson's third annual Songcamp takes place in Cape Breton, N.S., this month. HANDOUT

songwriters at his third annual Songcamp in Cape Breton, N.S., culminating in two live performances from his pupils on July 12 in Ingonish.

But for those other fans whose Stetsons are stuffed to the brim with good song ideas, Sampson shares the following tips for penning a chart-topping country tune:

Words are worth the world

To hear Sampson tell it, no factor is more critical to a country song's success than its lyrics.

"The lyric is more important

in a country song than most other kinds of music," he said.

And what's the key to a country turn of phrase that gleams as brightly as a cowboy's belt buckle? Keep it simple, partner. Sampson said that it's important to make sure the words are general enough so that anyone listening can relate. So if a country crooner warbles a tune about a "her," Sampson says the lyric should work whether the listener thinks the pronoun refers to his wife, his mother or his dog.

Teamwork is important

Sampson says that most of the hopeful charges that come through his camp are already "amazing" songwriters. What they tend to struggle with is co-writing.

It's an important skill, particularly for professional songwriters. Sampson guesses that he hasn't written a song alone in roughly a decade.

Repetition is unavoidable

Did you just realize your newly penned masterpiece sounds exactly like another tune shuffling up the country charts? Don't panic. It happens to, literally, the best of them.

"Country music is three chords and the truth," Sampson said. "You have to figure that there's, let's say, a thousand signed writers in Nashville all writing a song a day — that's 5,000 songs a week ... all trying to use the same three chords."

Know when to quit

Sampson says that in a Nashville songwriting session, it tends to take between three and four hours to finish writing a song.

It can also take days. But sometimes the best ideas germinate and bloom quickly. Sampson and his team wrote Underwood's Grammy-winning, chart-topping smash Jesus, Take the Wheel in less than two hours. And knowing when it's time to stop tinkering can be a crucial skill.

"Sometimes, a song being written very quickly can be an indication of how great it is because the song and the lyric ends up being uninhibited — the lyric has a freedom to it," he said.

"Whereas if you sit down and pine over a lyric for three days, you tend to overwrite it in the same way (a painter) can put too many colours on a picture.... Songs can be sort of over-painted." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Singer Alexis Krauss of Sleigh Bells has been a staple on the Coachella scene. CHARLEY GALLAV/GETTY IMAGES

Sleigh Bells' Reign of Terror

New music. Album plays homage to classic rock bands like Def Leppard and pop acts like Cyndi Lauper and the Go Go's

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Sleigh Bells seemed to emerge fully formed, with a brutally unique sound of overblown guitars and vocals that alternated between pop-singer sweetness and cheerleader vengeance.

The Brooklyn duo's 2009 debut, *Treats*, landed on nearly every single year-end best-of list, including this publication's.

For their follow-up, *Reign of Terror*, released this spring, guitarist Derek Miller and

singer Alexis Krauss decided to do away with some of the tricks of *Treats* in favour of more conventional sounds. But they put these sounds into a context that is anything but conventional.

"In a lot of ways, *Reign of Terror* is an homage to classic rock and a lot of arena rock songs that are pretty formulaic and pretty universal in terms of structure and what they make you feel," says Krauss. "We were very shameless in referencing bands like Def Leppard or pop acts like Cyndi Lauper or the Go Go's."

Where Krauss was filling in pre-written vocal parts for the debut, the pair collaborated more for *Reign of Terror*, and the result is something more melodic. There are even a few ballads on the album. Krauss says she knows that the combination of '80s metal and their own pop and punk instincts have definitely turned off a few listeners. But she has no regrets.

"We always say that we don't really have any guilty pleasures," she says. "If we listen to something and we like it, we're not embarrassed about referencing it. We're both real lovers of pop music, so I think being able to write a really simple but catchy hook is one of the hardest things to do as a songwriter. And we kind of like thinking that way: 'How can we write a song as good as *Pour Some Sugar on Me*?'"

Music. Adam Cohen enjoying career high at the same time as poet father, Leonard

Leonard Cohen has been enjoying such a charmed year musically that it's hard to imagine how even the masterfully morose poet could locate a downside in 2012.

His first album in more than seven years, *Old Ideas*, became his first to top the charts in Canada en route to platinum sales, and caused critics to collectively lose their breath. Meanwhile, the 77-year-old Montreal-born singer won the prestigious Glenn Gould Prize and the inaugural PEN songwriting prize while charting an ambitious globe-spanning tour for the second half of the year.

Well, it's been a heady year for Leonard's son, Adam, as well. The 39-year-old also released an album after a seven-year-plus layoff of his own, and the musical reinvention *Like a Man* is his most acclaimed work to date. In the coming weeks, he'll open for the likes of Bob Dylan, Norah Jones and Rufus Wainwright.

But his own success aside, he's enjoying his father's renaissance as much as anyone.

"I do think it's a coincidence, but at the same time, I also know that to be in his wake is a delicious and satisfying occurrence," says the younger Cohen in a telephone interview this week from Montreal, where he's in rehearsals.

"I've often said that what I think is the distinguishing trait with my father is that he remains to me pertinent and anything but a nostalgia act.



Adam Cohen's latest album, *Like a Man*, is garnering critical acclaim.

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"Now I'm finding such joy in it. I want to celebrate the guy while he's still around."

Adam Cohen on paying tribute to his dad during performances

It gives me great pleasure to bear witness."

In fact, it was his father who in part inspired Adam Cohen's late-career left-turn.

He issued his self-titled debut back in 1998, and in 2004 followed with a French-

language album, as well as a disc as frontman of the alt-rock outfit Low Millions.

None of the records gained much traction, and he's now quick to question his own artistic priorities during those fledgling stages of his career.

"I was so preoccupied with trying to play in the highest ranks of pop music," he says. "My esthetic goals were tight jeans, four chords and sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. I wasn't focused on the art."

Eventually, things started to seem dire. He contemplated quitting music altogether.

"I thought that I had basically tried and failed, and that I was already on the outs," he says. "When you're relegated to scoring porno flicks, writing for others, pitching for movies and commercials, a certain reality does dawn on you."

The whole time he had the songs that comprise *Like a Man* in his back pocket. He'd been hesitant to record them — in part because of how closely they hewed to his dad's classic work — a mistake he now considers "tragic."

So what changed his mind? When he became a father himself, he began to reconcile his relationship to his own dad's music, or as he puts it, the "family business." Afraid of the perception of nepotism, he had always shunned those influences that would inevitably creep into his music.

Now, the intimate, spare *Like a Man* invites those comparisons.

"This record is a claiming of an identity, an embrace and a declaration of belonging," he says. "And also, it's a coming of age record. It's reconciling where I've been with where I want to be."

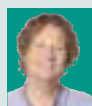
"I thought carving out a path for myself meant outside of the family farm," he adds.

"I found my place is much more true within it."

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Did you know?

Even more useless information



SOUND CHECK
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I spent an ungodly amount of time researching music for *The Secret Music of Rock* (my weekly radio show) and a museum exhibit due to open in Kansas City this fall. I continually uncover some pretty wacky things that I feel duty-bound to report to you. I swear that none of this is made up.

• It's estimated that around the world, 5,000 people make a full-time living from *The Beatles*. This

not only includes people at their record label, their publishing company and their various offices, but writers, researchers, collectors and various other full-time Beatles experts.

• Your dog thinks your music is noise. Because they perceive sound differently than we do (it has to do with their hearing ability, frequencies of their vocalizations and their resting heartbeat), dogs can't perceive music the way we do. Cats, on the other hand, have a certain appreciation for songs that have a fast beat and plenty of high notes. However, studies have proven that both dogs and cats become agitated by heavy metal.

• One of the most expensive gramophones ever produced was called an

auxetophone, which amplified music by means of a convoluted compressed air system. (Electronic amplification was still 20 years in the future.) When it went on sale in 1906, it sold for \$500, the equivalent of more than \$12,000 today.

• Ramones drummer Marky Ramone has his own brand of marinara sauce. It's also used by a food truck in Brooklyn called *Cruisin' Kitchen*.

• The World Musical Chairs Championships was held last month in Amesbury, Massachusetts. More than 500 people participated. Next year's goal is to attract 8,000.

• In Japan, the maximum penalty for uploading songs for the intent for others to download them illegally is \$125,000 and 10 years in

jail.

• Horror rocker Rob Zombie is making a movie about the Philadelphia Flyers of the 1970s.

• Madonna is currently touring with a 200-person entourage. This includes 30 bodyguards and a personal dry cleaner. If that wasn't enough, each hotel room she books has to be stripped and furnished with furniture she has shipped in. This includes all toilet seats.

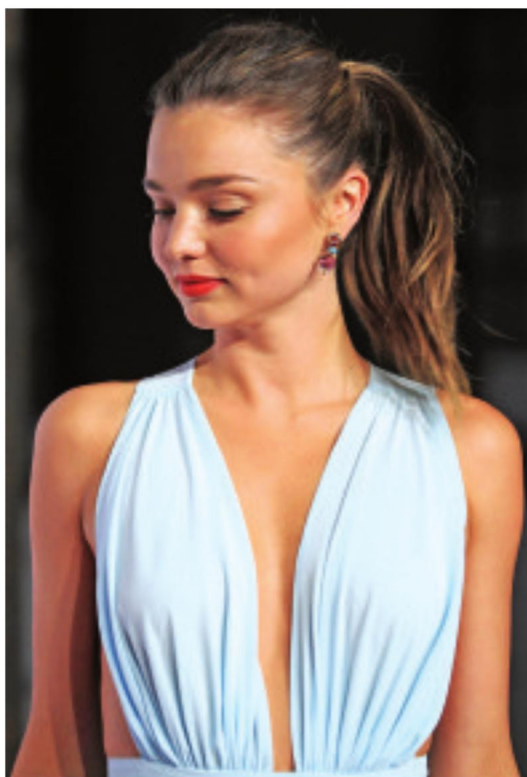
• Lady Gaga's next fashion project is to create a hat made of cockroaches. You read that correctly.

• The English Folk and Dance Society wants to make traditional songs for kids popular again. This includes rewriting Humpty Dumpty so that he survives. In the new version, he bungee jumps.

Quoted

"In a lot of ways, *Reign of Terror* is an homage to classic rock and a lot of arena rock songs that are pretty formulaic and pretty universal."

Alexis Krauss
Talking about their new album *Reign of Terror*.



Victoria Secret model Miranda Kerr ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miranda Kerr's labour of love a little tougher than expected

Victoria's Secret Angel Miranda Kerr, wife of Orlando Bloom, knew she wanted to have their baby without drugs; she gave birth to son Flynn Christopher back in January. "I had made a decision that I wanted to do it [naturally]," she says in the August issue of Harper's Bazaar UK.

"It was a long, arduous and difficult labour," she continued, "but Orlando was with me the whole

Birth battle

"It was a long, arduous and difficult labour, but Orlando was... guiding me through it."

Victoria Secret model Miranda Kerr, on giving birth naturally, sans epidural

time supporting and guiding me through it. I could not have done it without him."

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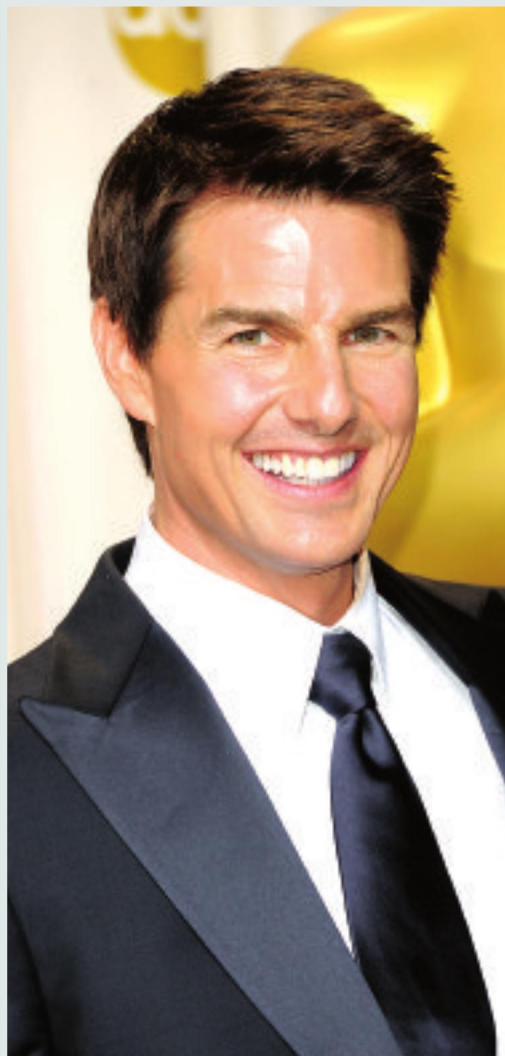
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Was TomKat marriage running on Cruise control?

SAM CASTONE
Metro World News

What started as a rather titillating celebrity divorce is now devolving into a sadly familiar one. Tom Cruise has "absolutely no contact with Katie," according to website TMZ, with Cruise talking only to daughter Suri, 6, on the phone, once a day.

Things are "really bitter now," the source tells the site, with Katie "using Suri as a weapon." Meanwhile, photographers caught Holmes laughing at an ice

cream parlor with Suri as bodyguards stood on watch.

"He has been Tom Cruise for 30 years," she told Elle magazine, in their just-released issue, which may have offered clues about the divorce to come.

"I know who I am and where I am and where I want to go, so I want to focus on that. I definitely feel much more comfortable in my own skin. I feel sexier," she continued. "I'm starting to come into my own. It's like a new phase."

With Cruise in the news, the paps are suddenly interested in Nicole Kidman, his ex, again.

They caught her having — gasp! — dinner with her husband, country singer Keith Urban, at a Florida restaurant, according to Us Magazine. The 45-year-old divorced Cruise in 2001, after an 11-year marriage.



Matthew McConaughey

Newlywed Matthew McConaughey adding to the family

Matthew McConaughey and his wife Camila aren't just newlyweds, they're also expecting.

McConaughey's representative confirmed that his wife is pregnant with the couple's third child. Both the actor and his

bride tweeted the news on Wednesday.

"Happy birthday America, more good news, Camila and I are expecting our 3rd child," the actor wrote, "God bless, just keep livin'."

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Claire Danes

Claire Danes expecting first child with husband Hugh Dancy

Claire Danes has some busy months ahead: Not only is her hit TV series *Homeland* returning for its second season in September, but she's pregnant as well. Danes' rep, Jodi Gottlieb, confirms the actress is ex-

pecting her first child with husband Hugh Dancy.

The 33-year-old Danes and 37-year-old Dancy met on the set of the film *Evening* and were married in 2009 in France.

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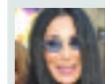
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FYI, I'm not an fan of 50 Shades..The only thing separating him from the "run of the mill" S&M pervs out there is a \$1,000,000,000.. Sorry.



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Practice loving everything and everybody all the time, but only hang in places and with people who lift you up.



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Sweet strawberry-chocolate endings off of the grill

Grilled Dessert Pizza. Since you'll be barbecuing this weekend anyway, why not get creative?

For a backyard get-together, dessert has got to be easy and easy going.

And since you're probably making the rest of your meal on the grill anyway, why not use it to prep dessert, too?

This dessert pizza is incredibly quick and versatile. Top it with whatever sweet treats you like, or consider making individual ones and having a dessert pizza bar so people can select their own toppings.

Be sure to let the pizza dough rest at room temperature for about 30 minutes before trying to roll it out. Otherwise, it will be too stiff to work with and will resist stretching.

1. Heat a grill to medium-high.

2. Scatter half of the sugar on a counter top. Place the pizza dough over the sugar and roll out into the sugar. Sprinkle the top of the dough with the remaining sugar, then roll again to press the sugar into the top. You should have a

rough circle about 12 inches in diameter.

3. Transfer the dough to a baking sheet, then head out to the grill.

4. Use an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs to oil the grill grates.

5. Transfer pizza dough directly onto the grates. Cook for 3 minutes per side, or until cooked and lightly browned.

6. Return the crust to the baking sheet and immediately sprinkle the chocolate bits over the top. Wait 1 minute to allow the chocolate to melt, then use a butter knife or silicone spatula to spread the melted chocolate evenly over the crust. Sprinkle with the chopped strawberries and the flaked coconut. Enjoy warm.

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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup turbinado or demerara sugar, divided
- 16-oz ball refrigerated pizza dough
- Canola or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate bits
- 1 1/2 cups chopped fresh strawberries
- 3/4 cup flaked coconut



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Liquid Assets

Sip your way back to the origins of wine



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Forget about the fashion, music and auto industries. None are driven by trends more aggressively than the booze business.

While some sub-segments virtually re-invent themselves every year, others simply go back to the future to find the next big thing.

The wine world spins like a top on this axis. Need proof? Though floundering for years, the juice from France and Italy is back on top again.

As consumers sip their way back to the origins of wine making, some polarizing flavour profiles are reaching out and grabbing the palates of wine lovers with a grip that even Iron Man would envy.

The hottest "what the heck" wine that has found fame is white moscato. Its romantic sounding name is actually the Italian translation of muscat — one of the oldest families of grapes in the world.

International wine-makers have borrowed the term with E & J Gallo's Barefoot Moscato (\$9.95 - \$11.99) a prime example of the style's balance of easy-drinking, plush, white fruit sweetness and low alcohol.

Well chilled, moscato makes for a refreshing warm weather sipper and a fine match with fresh fruit, most cheeses and sugary desserts. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



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Cookbook

Pushing the vegetarian envelope

A new vegetarian cookbook by two Montreal chefs is pushing the envelope by offering readers dishes that are both classic and internationally inspired.

"From a chef's point of view, it is more important to take a quality product such as locally grown fresh vegetables and use good techniques so that you can have a wonderful result," says Igor Brotto.

He has co-authored *The Vegetarian Kitchen Table Cookbook* with Olivier Guiricq (Robert Rose, \$27.95, paperback).

Among the 275 recipes there are Red Curry Tofu with Shiitake Mushrooms and Bamboo Shoots, Sun-dried Tomato, Brie and Arugula Wraps and Fig and Almond Tart. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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1. In mixing bowl, whisk lemon juice, honey, soy sauce, ginger and garlic. Stir in mushrooms until coated. Marinate at room temperature for 60 mins., stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, soak bamboo skewers in water for same time. Separate red onion wedges into individual layers.

2. Remove mushrooms, reserving marinade in a small saucepan. Thread mushrooms, alternating with onion wedges and sugar peas onto wooden skewers. Grill on the barbecue for 3 minutes on each side.

3. Meanwhile cook noodles as directed on package and heat marinade until boiling for 1-2 minutes or until thickened slightly to use as sauce. Serve

skewers on cooked noodles. Drizzle sauce over noodles and sprinkle with sesame seeds if using. Serve peanut sauce on side for dipping.

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Ingredients

- 1/3 cup (75 ml) lemon juice
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) each liquid honey and soy sauce
- 1 1/2 tbsp (22 ml) grated fresh ginger
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 32 (1 lb/500 g) mushrooms
- 8 bamboo skewers
- 1 red onion, cut into wedges
- 24 (4 oz/125 g) snow peas
- sesame seeds and/or peanut sauce (optional)
- rice noodles

Summer fresh: turkey, green bean, tomato and corn salad



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

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Turkey breast fillets are grilled alongside corn and onions and then tossed with crunchy green beans make a delectable summer meal.

1. In a re-sealable bag, combine turkey with half of the oil, cilantro, salt, pepper and garlic. Let marinate for at least 1 hour or up to one day.

2. Grill turkey over medium high heat until cooked through, about 10 minutes per side. Set aside to rest for five minutes before slicing across the grain.

3. Brush corn and onion rings with remaining oil and salt and pepper, grill until onion is tender and grill marks form on both the onions and corn,

about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to cutting board and slice kernels from cobs. Chop onion. Add onion and corn to a bowl with green beans and cherry tomatoes. Toss with remaining cilantro. Sprinkle with lime juice and a pinch of coarse salt

and fresh cracked pepper.

4. To serve: Divide salad over 4 plates and top each with equal amounts of sliced turkey.

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Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless turkey breast, cut into 2 fillets
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped fresh cilantro, divided
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each, coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper, divided
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 cobs corn, husked
- 1 red onion, peeled and sliced into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick rounds
- 500 ml (2 cups) trimmed green beans
- 250 ml (1 cup) cherry tomatoes, halved
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lime juice

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Upfront At The Market

Upfront At The Market just celebrated its grand opening. The eclectic menu ranges from burgers to chicken curry and Thai food, making it fun and fresh for a variety of taste buds. Located at 130 King St., the restaurant serves made-from-scratch dishes, even toasting and grinding its own spices. Fresh produce comes from local farmers and butchers. Prices are \$10 to \$30 a plate.



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Craft Thursdays at APK Live

Craft Thursdays are a new weekly event at APK Live celebrating locally brewed craft beers, while showcasing a diverse selection of live music. It will almost always be a FREE event. It is a celebration of London's music community and the folks who regularly attend events at the venue, 340 Wellington St.



COURTESY MICHAEL GIBSON GALLERY

Double art opening

Works from two artists will be featured at an opening reception and sizzling summer soiree from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 6 at Michael Gibson Gallery (157 Carling St.). Calgary artist Ashleigh Bartlett's collection of paintings called Skipping Stones are inspired by cartoon masks and costume fabric cut-offs. Emerging Winnipeg artist Derek Dunlop's collection of work is called Square.



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Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale

Western Summer Shakespeare presents The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare — the story of a mistakenly jealous king who learns to see beyond his own selfish obsession. The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday (July 6 and 7) at the garden of the University College Courtyard on Western University's. Tickets are \$15 and can be bought at the courtyard's west entrance on the night of a performance. For directions visit uwosummershakespeare.webs.com.



COURTESY RUTHLESS IMAGES

Arise is a rose is a rose

July 7 marks the premiere of the monthly event A rose is a rose is a rose: intellectual and sexual literary salon at the London Music Club (470 Colborne St.). Discuss literature, music and art with a queer focus. The first event includes a lecture titled: Tree Hugging With a Twist: Queer Ecology in the Arts and Humanities, readings from Patrick Califia's Macho Sluts and a zine-making collaboration. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. A portion of proceeds raised will be used to print the zine.

Ballet dances into the mainstream

Tutu trend. What started with the film *Black Swan* has turned into a series of TV shows and sold-out ballet performances

"I'm really digging it," says Ronnie Underwood, a buff, tattooed motorcycle enthusiast, auto racer and former football player who also happens to be a ballet dancer.

Oh, and a reality show star. Underwood, 30, is one of the main characters on *Breaking Pointe*, the CW series about the lives and loves, trials and tribulations of the

dancers at Ballet West, a highly regarded company in Salt Lake City.

The season comes to a finale next week, and suspense is high: Will Ronnie, Rex, Christiana and Allison be ready for their close-up? Or will opening-night jitters, not to mention relationship issues, derail their hard work? But we digress. What Underwood is "digging" is the broader fact that ballet, often relegated to a dusty, forgotten shelf in the current culture, seems to be having its moment in the sun.

Besides *Breaking Pointe*, there's the ABC Family show *Bunheads*, starring the Tony-winning actress Sutton Foster (the title is dance-speak

for ballerinas, a reference to their neatly coiled hairdos). And hugely popular dance-competition shows like *Dancing with the Stars* have featured guest turns by ballet dancers like Jose Manuel Carreno, recently retired from American Ballet Theatre, and

the ballerina Tiler Peck of New York City Ballet.

There's also a popular documentary film garnering praise, *First Position*, which tracks young dancers in a global competition. But it's a much more famous 2010 film that gets much

of the credit for starting the ballet mini-craze: Darren Aronofsky's cool and edgy *Black Swan*, which starred Natalie Portman and brought a whole new vibe to that stuffy classic, *Swan Lake*.

"Black Swan really did

bring ballet into the mainstream pop culture consciousness in a way it hadn't been for a while — and that was great for us in the ballet world," says Rob Daniels, managing director at New York City Ballet.

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Natalie Portman won plenty of critical praise for her role in *Black Swan*.

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"For sure, it's a concern, but the good thing is that I don't remember what happened. There was a four- or five-minute period where I don't recall anything."

Alexandre Despatie, the two-time Olympic silver medalist who suffered a concussion and nasty gash on his forehead during practice June 12 in Spain, confirmed his participation at the 2012 Games at a news conference Thursday. Despatie says he is back in the pool training a few days ahead of schedule, although he has yet to work on the dives he will use in competition. He said that due to the concussion, getting back to Olympic form is a step-by-step process that cannot be rushed, but he feels he's doing well.

"I'm going to the Games to do my best."

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On the web



Soccer finally embraced goal-line technology as FIFA's lawmaking panel approved two new systems for use in matches. FIFA will introduce goal-line technology at the Club World Cup in Japan in December, and plans to use it in Brazil at the 2014 World Cup. Scan the code for the story.



Serena Williams reacts during her semifinal match against Victoria Azarenka Thursday at Wimbledon in London, England. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

Serena Williams powers into final

Tennis. Four-time Wimbledon champion hits record 24 aces

Serena Williams wins with so much more than serving, of course.

Her groundstrokes are intimidating. Her superb speed and anticipation fuel unparalleled court-covering defence. Her returns are outstanding.

When that serve is on-target, though, it sure is something special, quite possibly the greatest in the history of women's tennis.

Lashing a tournament-record 24 aces at up to 120 mph, and doing plenty of other things

well, too, four-time Wimbledon champion Williams overpowered No. 2-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-3, 7-6 (6) Thursday to reach her seventh final at the All England Club.

"Isn't that something?" said Williams' father, Richard, after watching his daughter win on Centre Court. "She was really trying, you know?"

On Saturday, the 30-year-old Williams will try to become the first woman at least that age to win a major tournament since Martina Navratilova, who was 33 when she won Wimbledon in 1990.

"The older I get, the better I serve, I feel," Williams said. "I don't know how it got better. I really don't know. It's not like I go home and I work on baskets

and baskets of serves. Maybe it's a natural shot for me."

Her next opponent will be No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, who reached her first Grand Slam final at age 23 by playing steady as can be during a 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 8 Angelique Kerber of Germany.

"After a couple of games, I just relaxed a little bit," said Radwanska, who made only six unforced errors, one in the second set. "I was really focusing on every point."

Williams won 20 of her 24 service points in the first set, including 17 in a row during one stretch.

And this performance didn't come against a slouch: Azarenka won the Australian Open in January as part of a 26-0 start to

Sister power

A couple of hours after reaching her seventh Wimbledon final, Serena Williams returned to Centre Court with sister Venus to secure a spot in the semifinals of the doubles tournament.

- The Williams sisters routed Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears 6-1, 6-1 in less than an hour Thursday.

this season, was playing in her third semifinal in the past five major tournaments, and would have returned to No. 1 in the rankings if she had managed to beat Williams.

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Cycling

Greipel grabs a second Tour win

In yet another crash-marred finish, Andre Greipel of Germany led a frenzied bunch sprint to win the fifth stage of the Tour de France on Thursday for his second straight stage victory.

Fabian Cancellara retained the yellow jersey for a sixth straight day after the mostly flat 196.5-kilometre trek from Rouen to Saint-Quentin was almost tailor-made for sprinters except for a slight uphill near the end.

The Tour's doping demons returned to cast a shadow. A Dutch newspaper report said former teammates of Lance Armstrong cut a deal with U.S. anti-doping officials for their testimony in a case against Armstrong.

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Andre Greipel wins Thursday in Saint-Quentin, France. GETTY IMAGES

Baseball

Blue Jays call up pitcher Sam Dyson

The Toronto Blue Jays have promoted right-handed pitcher Sam Dyson to the big leagues.

The Blue Jays announced Thursday that the club selected Dyson's contract from the double-A New Hampshire Fisher Cats. The Jays also optioned Canadian right-hander Scott Richmond to triple-A Las Vegas to make room for Dyson.

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'Pit bull' guard in play as Plan B for Raptors



Houston Rockets guard Kyle Lowry reacts during a game against the Portland Trail Blazers in Portland, Ore., in April. DON RYAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

One of the first NBA sources to be asked about Kyle Lowry called him a "pit bull."

One of the next couple of talent evaluators said he's as competitive as anyone in the league.

Somewhere, coach Dwane Casey must be smiling and Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo has to be quite happy with his so-called Plan B.

Moving with quickness to ease the pain of a Steve Nash snub, the Raptors reached an agreement in principle Thursday to acquire Lowry from the Houston Rockets once the NBA's moratorium on player movement is lifted July 11.

The Raptors will give up a lightly protected first-round pick once over the next five years along with seldom-used swingman Gary Forbes for the 26-year-old point guard entering his seventh NBA season in the fall.

The 6-foot Lowry averaged 14.3 points and 6.6 assists with the Rockets last season, missing the last quarter of the season with an infection.

No one connected with the Raptors could officially comment — or even acknowledge — the transaction.

But it has been no secret that Lowry has been on Toronto's radar for some time.

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Nash's choice

Steve Nash chose the Los Angeles Lakers because they're close to his children and to NBA title contention.

- On ESPN radio Thursday, The 38-year-old Canadian said he spoke to Kobe Bryant by phone Monday to confirm the Lakers star wants to work together.

- Bryant told Nash they would be a perfect fit in the Lakers' backcourt.

Re-evaluating for Week 2



CFL EXTRA POINTS
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Columnist Dan Toth discusses how the Argos need to find their discipline, why Simon's best-receiver-ever coronation is premature and in which city a QB controversy is already brewing among other thoughts heading into the second week of Canadian football

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Flags dragging down Boatmen

Argos head coach Scott Milanovich needs to teach his troops some discipline if they hope to succeed, no matter what QB Ricky Ray brings to the team in 2012. The club drew 18 flags in their season-opening loss in Edmonton, and Milanovich has to drill home the message or begin shuffling his roster.

Tempering Tate's great start in Calgary

The Stamps like life without Henry Burris, at least through one game. New Stamps starter Drew Tate is living up to expectations in Cowtown with a 300-yard passing game in the season opener. The big test now is playing three games in 12 days during their annual exodus East during Calgary Stampede Week.



Simon's numbers don't say it all

Don't be too quick to anoint Geroy Simon the best receiver in CFL history, even though he vaulted over Milt Stegall into first overall in career receiving yards. Stegall achieved his numbers with less proficient QBs, Ben Cahoon had better hands, Allen Pitts was tougher to defend and old-timers will tell you Hal Patterson was a combination of all those traits.

Pierce protection problem persists

We established last year that the Bombers were going nowhere if they couldn't protect QB Buck Pierce. The injury-prone pivot was sidelined by a knee injury when enduring one of four sacks last week in B.C., although he's expected to play Friday in Montreal. Still, Pierce won't succeed and might not survive the 2012 season without protection from the pass rush.

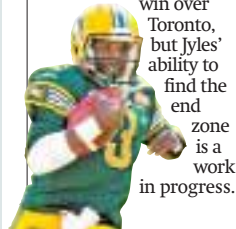


Easier being Green?

The Green Gods have put to rest six months of second-guessing among the faithful; terrified the team would struggle again in 2012. A road win over Hamilton in Week 1 has restored faith in the Riders. They haven't beaten a West Division opponent since the 2010 West Final in Calgary, but can end that streak with a win Sunday over Edmonton.

No smiles yet for sputtering Jyles

Can't remember the last time fans wanted their QB pulled when LEADING by a touchdown, but that's what happens when drives continually stall. New Eskimos starter Steven Jyles is thankful kicker Grant Shaw connected his four field goals in a Week 1 win over Toronto, but Jyles' ability to find the end zone is a work in progress.



Columbus mum on Nash trade progress

NHL. Blue Jackets GM staying closed-lipped about potential deals for star captain

Columbus Blue Jackets general manager Scott Howson isn't saying much about his quest to trade captain Rick Nash.

"We are working very hard" was about the limit of the conversation when Howson was reached Thursday. He also added that he is not facing a deadline to make a deal.

Just about everyone else believes that things should be heating up.

Nash, the Blue Jackets leader in most offensive categories and a former London Knight, revealed midway through last season that he had asked to be traded. He has a no-trade clause in his contract, and has given a list of possible destinations.

It was thought that once top free agents Zach Parise and Ryan Suter signed (both with Minnesota earlier this week), interest in Nash would climb. Among the reported suitors are the New York Rangers, Detroit, San Jose, Carolina and Philadelphia.

Nash's camp is not speaking, either. He has not ad-



Rick Nash GETTY IMAGES FILE

Big-stage standout

Despite making the playoffs only once with the Blue Jackets, in 2009, Nash has been a sterling performer on the international stage.

- He had two goals and three assists in seven games as Canada won the Olympic gold medal in 2010 in Vancouver. He also has been a standout at the world championships and has scored a hat trick in the NHL all-star game.

ressed the situation publicly since the regular season ended and his Toronto-based agent, Joe Resnick, did not return a telephone message seeking comment Thursday.

Since this was an already sparse free-agent crop in terms of offensive firepower, Nash should be a prized commodity. It's a question whether teams want to meet Howson's asking price, believed to be a couple of top young NHL-ready players with a high draft pick or two.

There is much to like about Nash. He is one of only four players to score at least 30 goals in each of the past five seasons (Calgary's Jarome Iginla, New Jersey's Ilya Kovalchuk and

Washington's Alex Ovechkin are the others), and many of them are highlight-reel quality.

The quiet 28-year-old is also a model citizen, winning the NHL Foundation Player Award in 2009 for his commitment and service to charities in his community.

Nash is coming off a season in which he scored 30 goals and added 29 assists, but had a career worst minus-19 plus/minus. Of course, that number also has a lot to do with his teammates, and the Blue Jackets were far and away the worst team in the NHL last season.

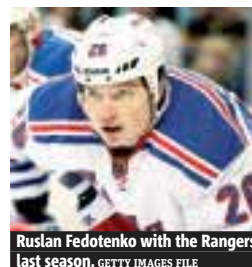
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NHL. Flyers sign pair to get in on free-agency mix

The Flyers on Thursday signed a pair of free agents, forward Ruslan Fedotenko and defenceman Bruno Gervais.

Fedotenko, a veteran who will enter his 12th season in the NHL, won the Stanley Cup with the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2004 and the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2009. This is his second stint with Flyers, having played in Philadelphia from 2000-02.

Gervais had six goals and 13 points in 50 games for Tampa Bay last season, and



Ruslan Fedotenko with the Rangers last season. GETTY IMAGES FILE

spent his first six seasons with the New York Islanders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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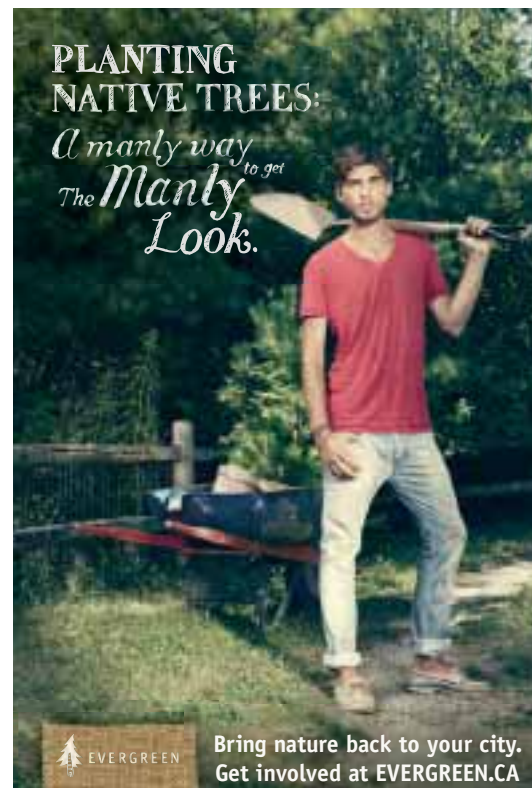


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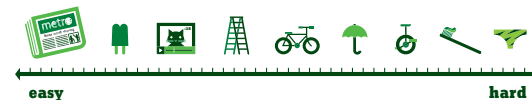
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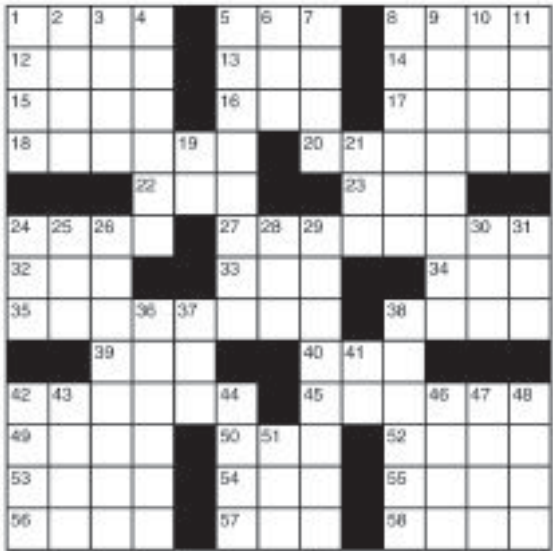
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 - 8 Saint of Avila
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 - 10 Kitchen fixture
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 - 19 Ever, in verse
 - 21 "What did you say?"
 - 24 Blond shade
 - 25 Floral accessory
 - 26 "Fever" singer
 - 28 Greek vowel
 - 29 Motley Crue drummer
 - 30 Zodiac sign
 - 31 Longing
 - 36 Politico Humphrey
 - 37 "See ya"
 - 38 Streisand classic
 - 41 Yours truly



- 42 Applies lightly
- 43 Lend a sly hand
- 44 Old foggy
- 46 Academic

- 47 Part of T.A.E.
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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. A family feud is in the cards today but now that you know that, you can limit the chances of a serious falling-out by watching what you say.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. No matter how irritating someone may be, you must not let them get under your skin. Be on the move as much as possible today.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. What happens today will only be important if you choose to let it be important. That applies especially to money matters and business negotiations.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You will be both assertive and ambitious today, which could cause problems if others get the impression that you care for nothing but your own glory. Tone it down a bit.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You have something to say. It's something you think is important, but you have got to accept that, in saying it, you may upset a few people.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You may wonder why you have been singled out for so much good fortune, but in the greater scheme of things, nothing happens without a reason. Enjoy what you get today.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You have what it takes to compete at the highest level, so don't let fear of failure hold you back. Get out there into the world and show creativity.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you are the kind of Scorpio who loves to travel, you could find yourself a long way from home over the next 24 hours. Don't worry about how you are going to get back.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You will have energy to spare over the next 24 hours, but it is your Sagittarian enthusiasm that will lead to success. Focus on what you are good at and on what you enjoy.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20. You're under a lot of pressure and because the pressure comes mainly from partners and colleagues, you could fall out with someone today.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18. You can achieve some remarkable things over the next few days, so forget about the easy life and push yourself harder than ever before.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You've had your fill of talk and you've had your fill of trying to plan things out in great detail — all you want to do is get busy on a project that you believe in. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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